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FROM: Mr. Alexander Mark, Chairman, Newark Human Rights
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Alexander Mark, chairman, announced that the next regular meeting of the Newark Human Rights Commission will be held at the Newark Public Library, 4th Floor, on Tuesday, May 21, 1963 at 8 P.M.

Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio will be present to reconvene the Clergy Advisory Council and to address the open public meeting on "Human Rights in the Mid-20th Century".

In addition to the regular order of business for the evening, Minister James XXX of Muhammad's Mosque No. 25, in Newark, will speak on "Race Relations and the Black Muslims".

James 3X, a native of North Carolina and one of 13 children of a Baptist minister, met Elijah Muhammad, present leader of the Black Muslims in 1941. Impressed by Muhammad's outlook and philosophy, James 3X assisted Muhammad in the establishment of Mosques in Richmond, Va., Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Md., Jersey City and Newark.

Minister James, the father of five sons and four daughters, resides in East Orange, N. J. where his children attend the public schools.

The Newark Muslims, according to James, practice the philosophy of "do something for self". They own their own Mosque and a number of business ventures, which include a bakery, restaurant, fish markets, food stores, confectioneries and clothing stores.

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Because of the spontaneous discussion on the Black Muslims which developed at the April Commission meeting, Minister James 3X asked for an opportunity to explain the religious principles of Elijah Muhammad to the citizens of Newark.

The Newark Human Rights Commission, in its educational program to improve interracial understanding in the community, is giving the leader of the Newark Muhammad's Mosque, No. 25 an open forum.

Daniel S. Anthony, Director said: "With the rapid growth of the Muslims in the City of Newark, it becomes essential that the citizens be given an opportunity to learn all they can about the philosophy and action of the Black Muslims".

Minister James 3X said: "To our knowledge this is the first occasion in the United States in which an official municipal agency has given an opportunity to the leader of the Black Muslim group to address the City without having to debate issues".

Each year the Newark Human Rights Commission contributes \$1,000. in scholarships to qualified Newark youth and adults for attendance at Human Rights Workshops.

Four scholarship recipients who attended the annual Brotherhood Youth Institute of the National Conference of Christians and Jews will appear at this meeting with Camp Director Walter D. Chambers to tell of their experiences at the interracial camp.

Young people up to the age of 18 may apply to the Newark Human Rights Commission for scholarship aid if they wish to attend the Brotherhood Youth Institute this summer.

All meetings of the Human Rights Commission are open to the public.